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Re: Cayuga Nation funding matter

Dear Mr. Amato:

Thank you for your letters dated July 21, 2006 and August 17, 2006 regarding the Cayuga Nation's participation in the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force (HETF) and EPA's grant funding to the HETF. I want to assure you that my staff and I are taking your concerns very seriously. We understand that these matters are of great significance to the Cayuga Nation and other Haudenosaunee nations. We are presently examining these complex and unusual issues further. Thus, at this time, my July 17, 2006 letter should not be viewed as a final decision. We will be contacting you to schedule a discussion of these matters before a decision is made.

In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact Paul Simon, our Deputy Regional Counsel, at (212) 637-3152.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Steinberg".

Alan Steinberg  
Regional Administrator

cc: Joyce King, HETF Director  
Daniel French, Esq.